GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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LOSS DUE TO LACK OF CO-ORDINATION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the report appearing in the Times of India (Mumbai) dated January 30, 2003 under the caption `AI losses Rs.2 crore in a day due to London mess-up`;

(b) if so, the details of the matter reported therein;

(c) the amount of loss suffered by Air India due to these delays and mishandling; and

(d) the steps being taken for proper co-ordination between engineering and commercial departments in London?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As informed by Air India, on 8th January, 2003 their flights AI-102, AI-122 and AI-111 were stranded at Heathrowairport, London due to bad weather conditions and resultant severe congestion at Heathrow airport, London and also cabin crew duty time limitations.

(c) Though the exact quantam of loss is difficult to quantify, the estimated additional expenditure may be in the range of Rs. 1.5 crores to Rs. 1.75 crores.

(d) A committee has been constituted to enquire into the reasons resulting in multple delays and suggest remedial action so as to prevent recurrence of such incidents.